

submit to you, and I think everybody would agree, that "the act of adultery", as a practical matter, have not been eliminated since 1955, when the last case was filed, yet the theory is a criminal law, pretty well eliminates certain conduct, or prohibits it effectively, and that simply is not the case. As I say, it is simply something used for harassment. So, I don't care what you do with the balance of the bill. I know some people have reservations about some of the other portions of the bill, and that is fine. In fact, I might even support making some changes in the other part since it is not my bill. But I do believe this bill, or this portion that was killed in the committee should be appropriately dealt with, or this bill should be utilized for that purpose. So I would urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the amendment? All right. Senator Higgins, you wish to speak on the DeCamp amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator DeCamp a question, if he would yield, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp is available.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator, as you know I was away sick for about seven days. Is there...was there attached to this bill any kind of an amendment making it retroactive? I'd heard that there was, or there was going to be. Do you know?

SENATOR DECAMP: Are you talking about the bill itself?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I'm wondering, you know, you've got an amendment up there and...is this bill going to take, if the bill passes, would it take effect in the usual manner, 90 days after we adjourn?

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, of course, that is the only way a criminal law...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Pardon me?

SENATOR DECAMP: A criminal law, which is the only portion I am dealing with, I am not dealing with the balance of the bill, I might add, a criminal law cannot be made to apply